

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**APRIL 21, 2015**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert, was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**PUBLIC HEARING CDBG GRANT:** Deb Lilly explained that this grant is a public facilities program and would be used for an elevator at the new City Center. She asked for comments or questions from the public. There will be \$252,000.00 in grant funds requested with a \$28,000.00 local match required. This type of grant is not very competitive due to being ADA accessible only. Berkemeier asked if we could have added more to make the application more appealing. Lilly said we could. She said it was suggested that it may have been good to wait until next year and add the ADA accessibility as a part of the project. Bridges asked if it will hurt us to go ahead and apply. Lilly said it would not. She said she thought we should go ahead and apply now. This would also include 2 bathrooms and a ramp which would be a part of the City Center. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Completed the Prosperity Summit. Pavey thanked everyone for their help and participation.
2. Completed section 3 of the HCI meetings.
3. The last Princess Theater meeting was on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
4. Had a meeting on the pool repairs and upgrades. This year we are looking at epoxy and painting the floor of the pool. We will most likely be putting in a lift chair, minor plumbing, and some minimal improvements. I will continue to keep you posted.
5. We made application to the Circle Fund grant for fitness equipment along the trail. We did not receive the grant.

6. Approximately 20-21 students participated in the 1150 Coding Academy.
7. Session 4 of HCI will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
8. The Historic Society dinner will be on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
9. The Mayor's 5K Walk and the Arbor Day celebration will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to Rush 2 Health.
10. There will be a Comedy Night fundraiser for the Princess Theater on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
11. The Grand Prix will be May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
12. The railroad crossing between the lanes on 4<sup>th</sup> Street was closed Monday.
13. We went a different direction on the style for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street lighting. The design we chose was less expensive.
14. We received feedback regarding the religious freedom act. We are checking our handbook to make sure we have covered everything.
15. A copy of the job description for the Park Program Director position will be shared with Council.
16. Talked to Rena at Pike Lumber Company. The will come in and do a survey.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Councilman Bridges said he and his wife attended the high school prom Saturday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – All acts have been signed.
- **Marketing** – Pavey talked to Shelly Wakefield. We will begin moving forward.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Pavey said he talked to Bruce Levi. We need to start having conversations.
- **City Center** – Four RFPs were received. Pavey put together a group and they have narrowed the selection down to three. He asked how involved Council wanted to be. Councilman Smith said he would very much like to be involved. Pavey said he will let them know when the interviews will be so those interested can sit in on the interviews.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the EMT practicals will be held May 14<sup>th</sup>. Soon after that the written testing will be scheduled. He said he hopes to implement the ALS by mid to late summer.

Lettering will be put on the trucks next week.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said the Board of Works approved hiring Jack Hill as a seasonal employee.

Heavy trash will be picked up next week. Those wishing to bring their trash to the dump site will not be charged that week.

**Animal** – Received a good quarterly report from the vet.

The Board of Works approved making Dan Herbert full time.

**Police** – Chief Tucker said they have had issues in the Parks. They have increased enforcement presence. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month 6 people have been removed from the parks. We have had 2 reserve officers patrolling on foot in plain clothes. There was a fight with 2 being arrested. The cameras are working. We have caught kids smoking and we have remedied the issue. Tucker said they are implementing the program “See Something Say Something” so issues can be rectified.

Chief Tucker reported that veteran Captain Dan Sheehan passed away today. Sheehan served just under 38 years with the police department. Services for Sheehan will be Friday from 2:00 – 8:00 at Todd Funeral Home. The funeral will be at St. Mary’s Church Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Contract Legal** – We are waiting to review the contract from Tipton.
2. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town** – Marvin Reese took pictures of the area during the last rain. We know where the blockage is so that area can be our focus. We have received the preliminary report.
3. **Ball State – “My Community-My Vision Results”- Moving Forward** – We will try to complete this by the end of the school year.
4. **Parking Procedures and Protocols** – Pavey said he left a markup for the Chief to review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution – Formal Board to Oversee Records/Maintenance** – We still need Newhouse to review. Council suggested adding a member of the County Council and the Utilities Director to the group. Pavey said that was a good idea.
2. **ARa Recommendation 302 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street** – The Board of Works recommended to accept the recommendation of ARa and accept the bid of Greg Coffin. Deb Lilly said there were 2 proposals received. Greg Coffin’s purchase price was higher and he also scored higher. Sheehan moved to accept the recommendation of the Board of Works. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Local funds were raised and placed in an investment fund for the pavilion at Riverside Park.

We will be discussing Disaster Recovery 2 funds for the mobile home park.

We will be discussing the DNR project to put a trail on top of the levee.

Larry Lawlor from Fleis & Vandenbrink was present to discuss the extension of Cherry Street. Mayor Pavey said the Board of Works voted to approve the contract and move forward. The project covers the construction from Conrad Harcourt Way to County Road 200 N. There will also be an extension of Foster Heights Road from State Road 3 to Cherry Street. Indot has committed to this project. The first phase includes funding for all of the environmental to complete the project from Conrad Harcourt Way to 200 North. This includes the right of way acquisition and utilities. They will also allow us to survey for everything in watershed area for proper design of the storm drainage.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL** – Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE** – Councilman Smith said Jerry Good was named the new head basketball coach for Manchester University.

Councilman Berkemeier asked where we are with the park master plan. Pavey said the survey needs to be approved.

Berkemeier said the Parks Board is moving forward with plans for a community garden, and are having discussions and planning for a dog park.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.